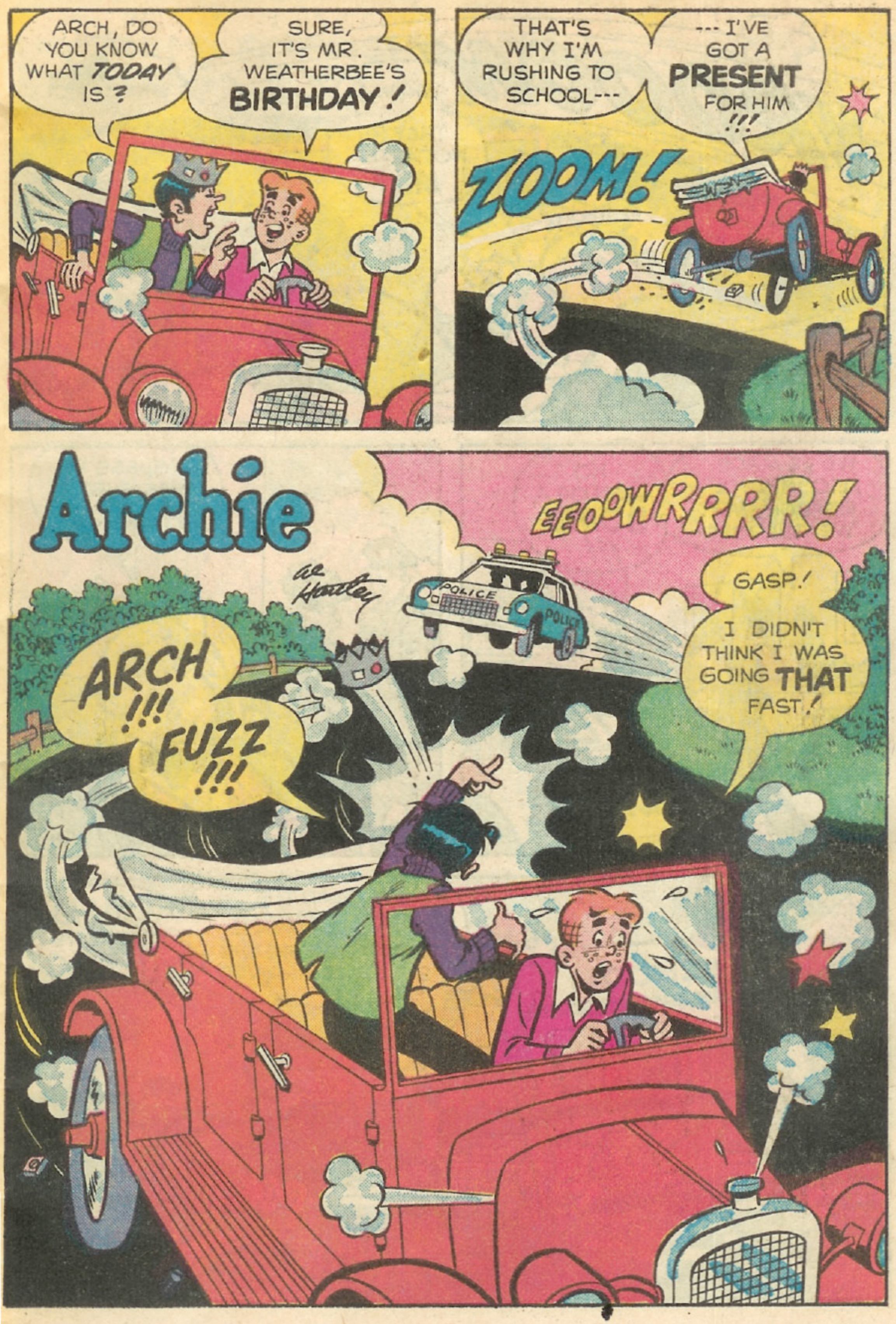
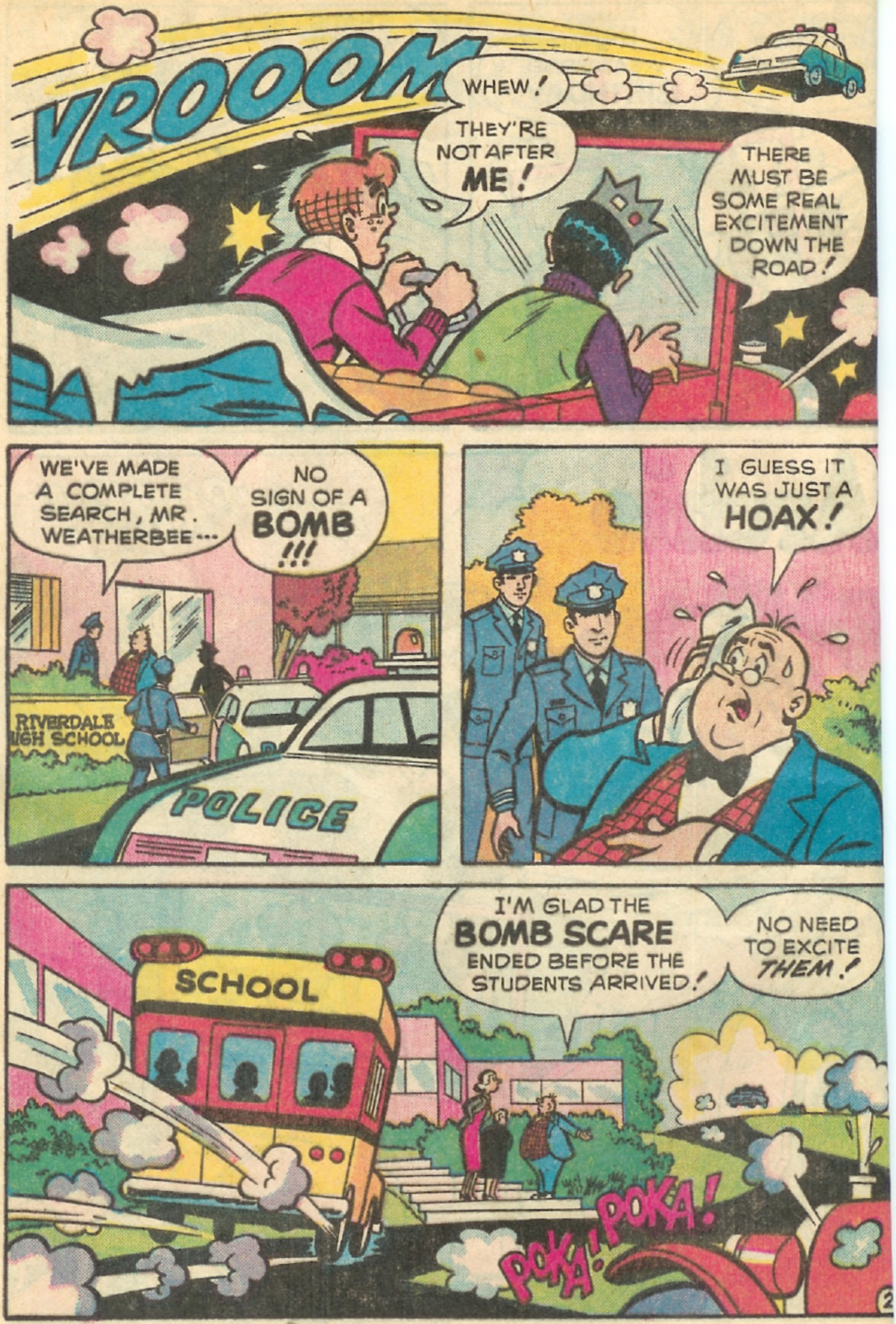
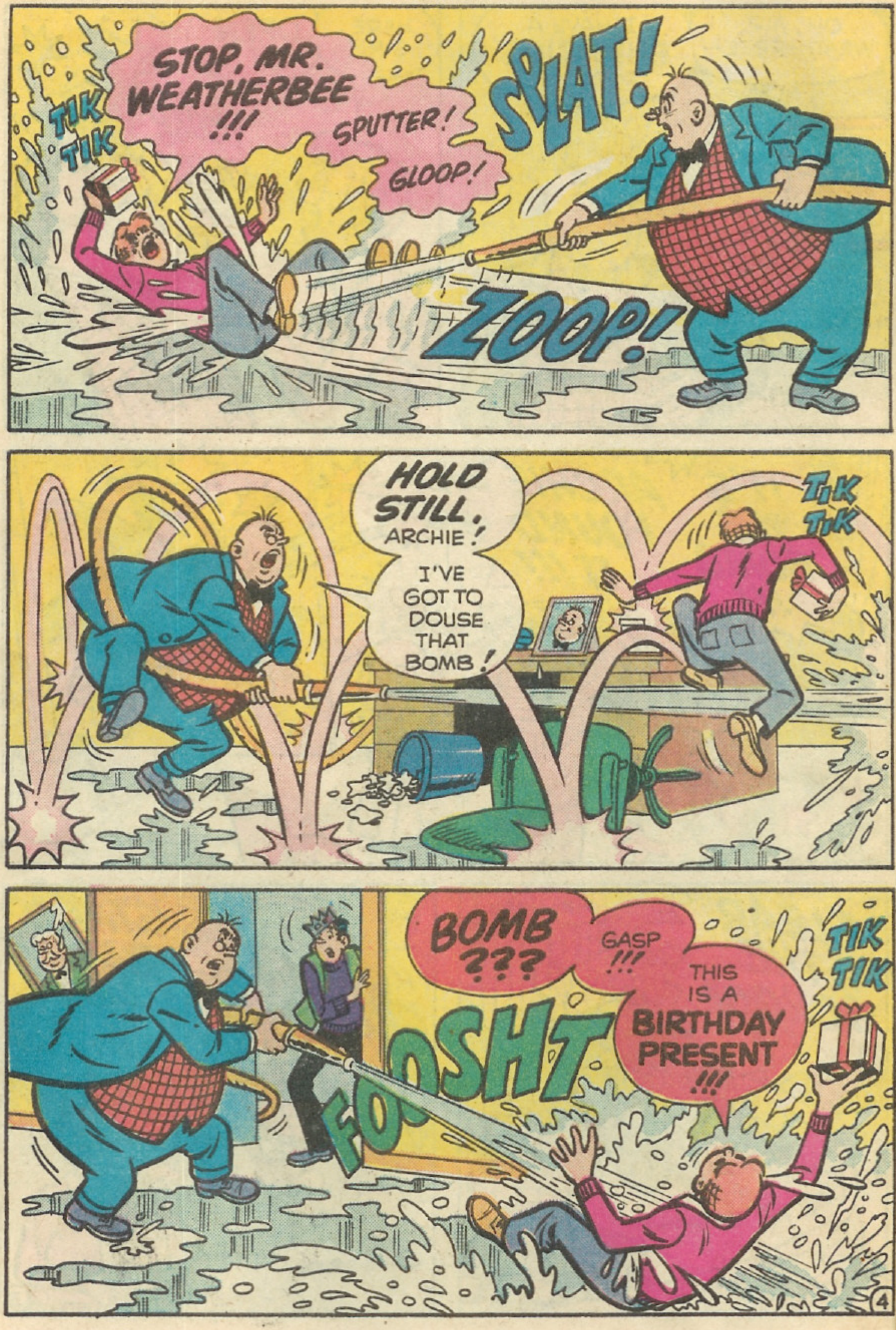
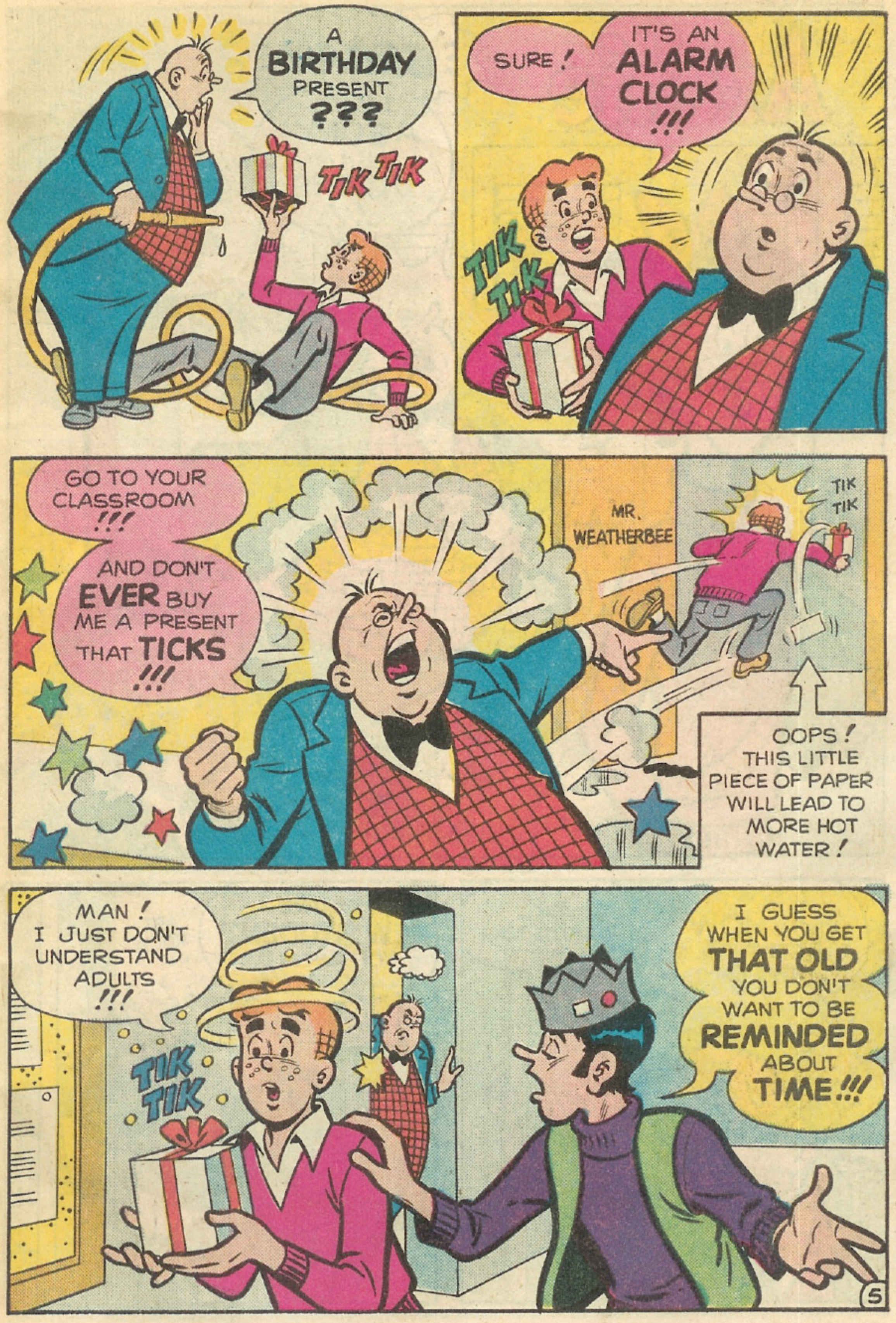

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Archie's
SOMETHING ELSE!
Al Hartley
BOYCOTT
HELL'S ANGELS
TV
ZOOM
SPLOOSH!


ARCH, DO YOU KNOW WHAT TODAY IS?
SURE, IT'S MR. WEATHERBEE'S BIRTHDAY!
THAT'S WHY I'M RUSHING TO SCHOOL---
--- I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR HIM!!!
ZOOM!
Archie
EEOOWRRRR!
GASP! I DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING THAT FAST!
ARCH!!! FUZZ!!!


VROOOM
WHEW! THEY'RE NOT AFTER ME!
THERE MUST BE SOME REAL EXCITEMENT DOWN THE ROAD!
WE'VE MADE A COMPLETE SEARCH, MR. WEATHERBEE---
NO SIGN OF A BOMB!!!
RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL
POLICE
I GUESS IT WAS JUST A HOAX!
I'M GLAD THE BOMB SCARE ENDED BEFORE THE STUDENTS ARRIVED!
NO NEED TO EXCITE THEM!
SCHOOL
POKA! POKA!

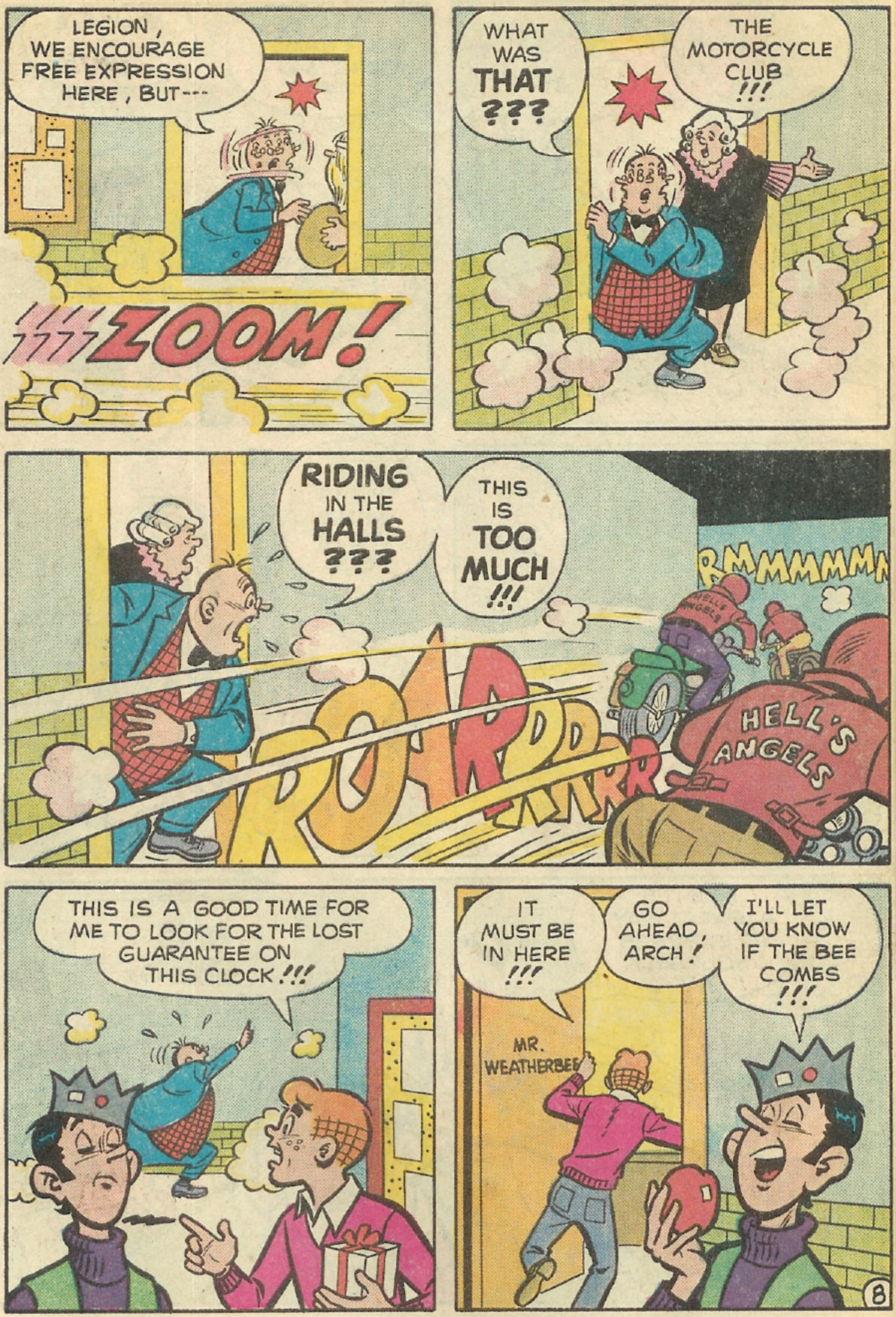

OH, MR. WEATHERBEE---
I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
HERE, SIR!
OPEN IT!
TIK! TIK!
IT'S THE BOMB!!!
ARCHIE FOUND IT!!!
CLEAR THE SCHOOL!!!
FIRE HOSE
STAND BACK, ARCHIE!!!
TIK TIK
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TIK TIK
STOP, MR. WEATHERBEE !!!
SPUTTER!
GLOOP!
SPLAT!
ZOOP!
HOLD STILL, ARCHIE!
I'VE GOT TO DOUSE THAT BOMB!
TIK TIK
BOMB ???
GASP !!!
THIS IS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT !!!
TIK TIK
FOOSHT
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A BIRTHDAY PRESENT ???
TIK TIK
SURE!
IT'S AN ALARM CLOCK !!!
TIK TIK
GO TO YOUR CLASSROOM !!!
AND DON'T EVER BUY ME A PRESENT THAT TICKS !!!
MR. WEATHERBEE
TIK TIK
OOPS! THIS LITTLE PIECE OF PAPER WILL LEAD TO MORE HOT WATER!
MAN! I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND ADULTS !!!
TIK TIK
I GUESS WHEN YOU GET THAT OLD YOU DON'T WANT TO BE REMINDED ABOUT TIME!!!
5


Archie
GROAN
I'M IN AGONY WITH MY ULCERS !!!
AND I CAN'T STAND THIS GOUT !!!
I DON'T KNOW HOW I'LL GET THROUGH THIS DAY !!!
MR. WEATHERBEE ---
--- WE HAVE A NEW STUDENT YOU SHOULD MEET !!!
ART ROOM
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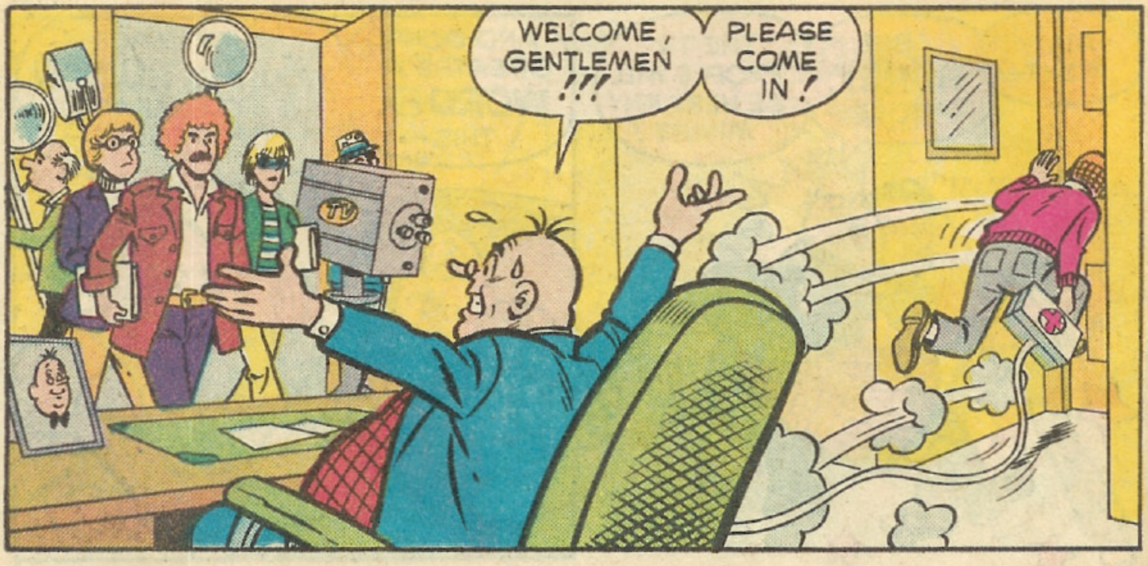

HI, POPS !!!
GASP !!!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, YOUNG MAN ???
MY NAME IS LEGION !!!
UH, I TRUST YOU'RE ENJOYING THE ART CLASS !!!
OH, YEAH, MAN !!!
SPLAT
LIKE THIS IS WHERE IT'S AT !!!
DOWN WITH THE SYSTEM
LIKE IT'S A GREAT WAY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF !!!
HOMEWORK IS FOR THE BIRDS!
WHO NEEDS TEACHERS ??
LIFE IS A SQUIRREL CAGE!
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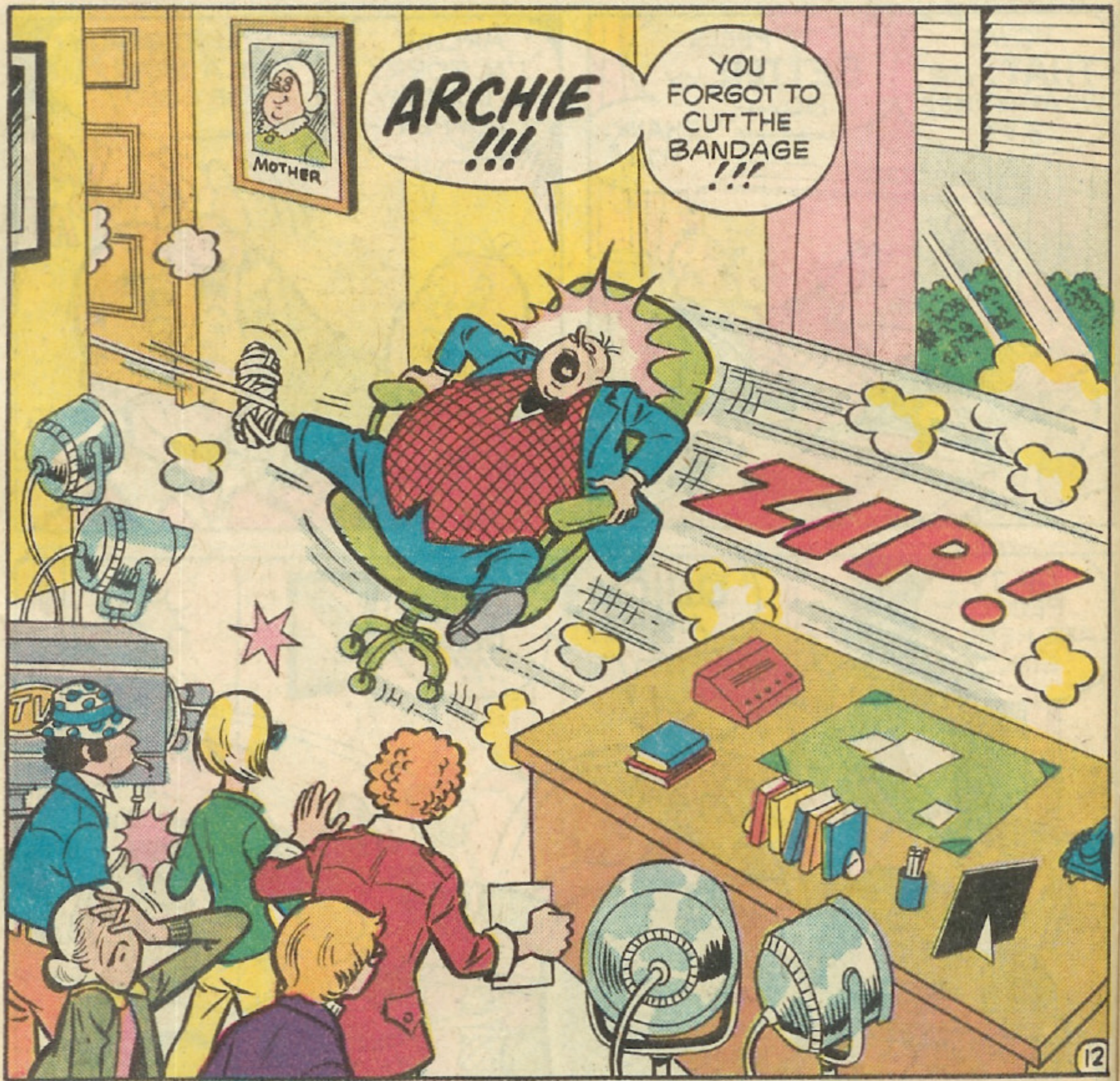

LEGION, WE ENCOURAGE FREE EXPRESSION HERE, BUT---
ZOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT ???
THE MOTORCYCLE CLUB !!!
RIDING IN THE HALLS ???
THIS IS TOO MUCH !!!
RMMMMMM
HELL'S ANGELS
ROARRRRRR
THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR ME TO LOOK FOR THE LOST GUARANTEE ON THIS CLOCK !!!
IT MUST BE IN HERE !!!
GO AHEAD, ARCH!
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF THE BEE COMES !!!
MR. WEATHERBEE
8


MAYBE IT'S IN MR. WEATHERBEE'S WASTE BASKET !!!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
MMPF! ARMPH! OOMP! GOOMTH!
JUGHEAD, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY---
BUT DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL !!!
OHHHH !!! MY GOUT IS KILLING ME!
I'M STUCK !!!
GROAN!
GOT TO GET MY SHOES OFF !!!
HE DOESN'T KNOW I'M HERE!
GOT TO PULL THINGS TOGETHER !!!
MR. WEATHERBEE !!!

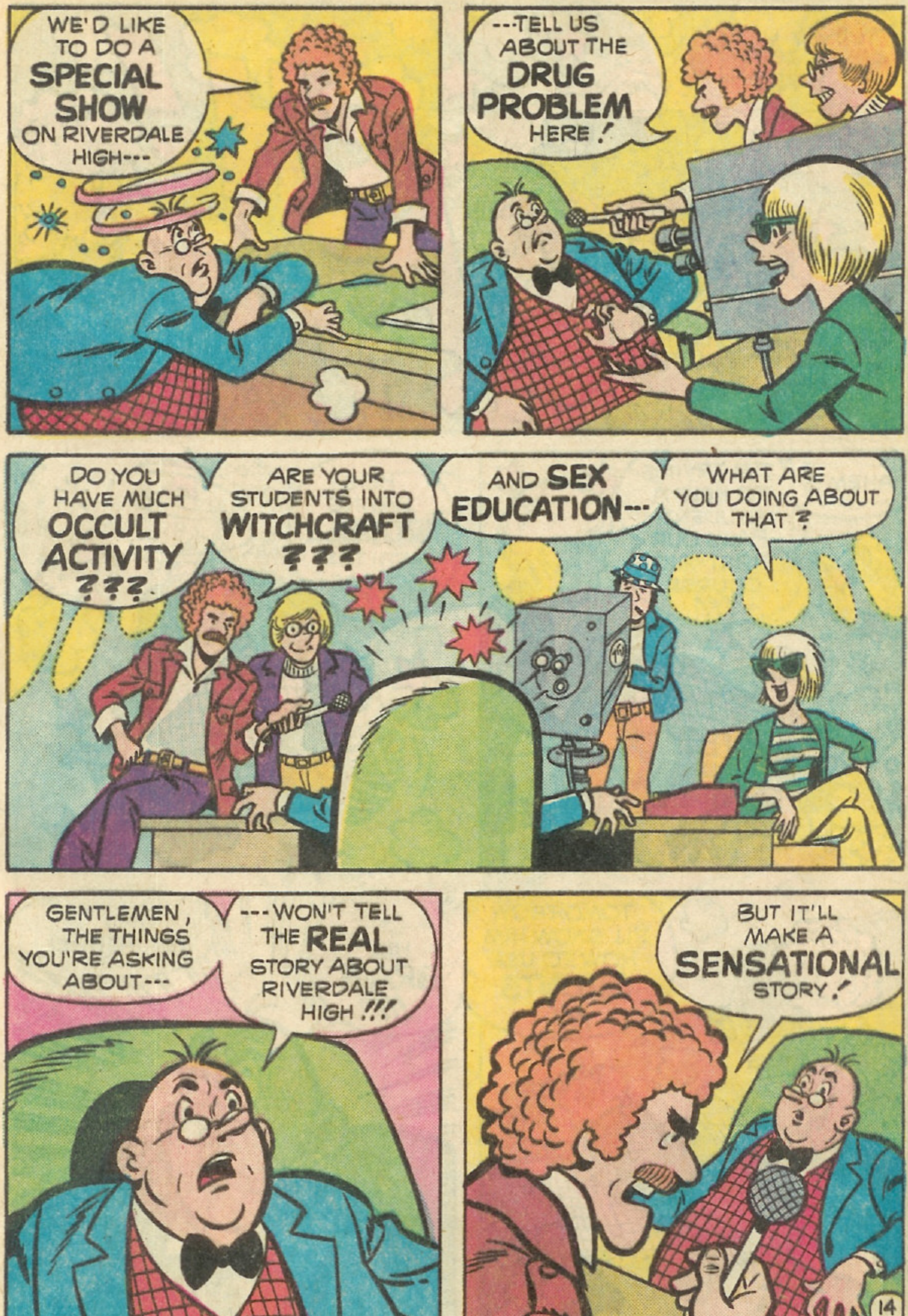

THE LOCAL TV STATION IS ON ITS WAY OVER !!!
TV ???
WHAT DO THEY WANT ???
THEY WANT TO COVER THE BOMB-SCARE STORY !!!
BOMB SCARE ???
ARCHIE !!!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING UNDER MY DESK ?
I WAS LOOKING FOR AN IMPORTANT PAPER I LOST !!!
WELL, GET OUT OF HERE !!!
GO TO YOUR CLASS !!!
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS, SIR!
LET ME BANDAGE YOUR SORE FOOT !!!
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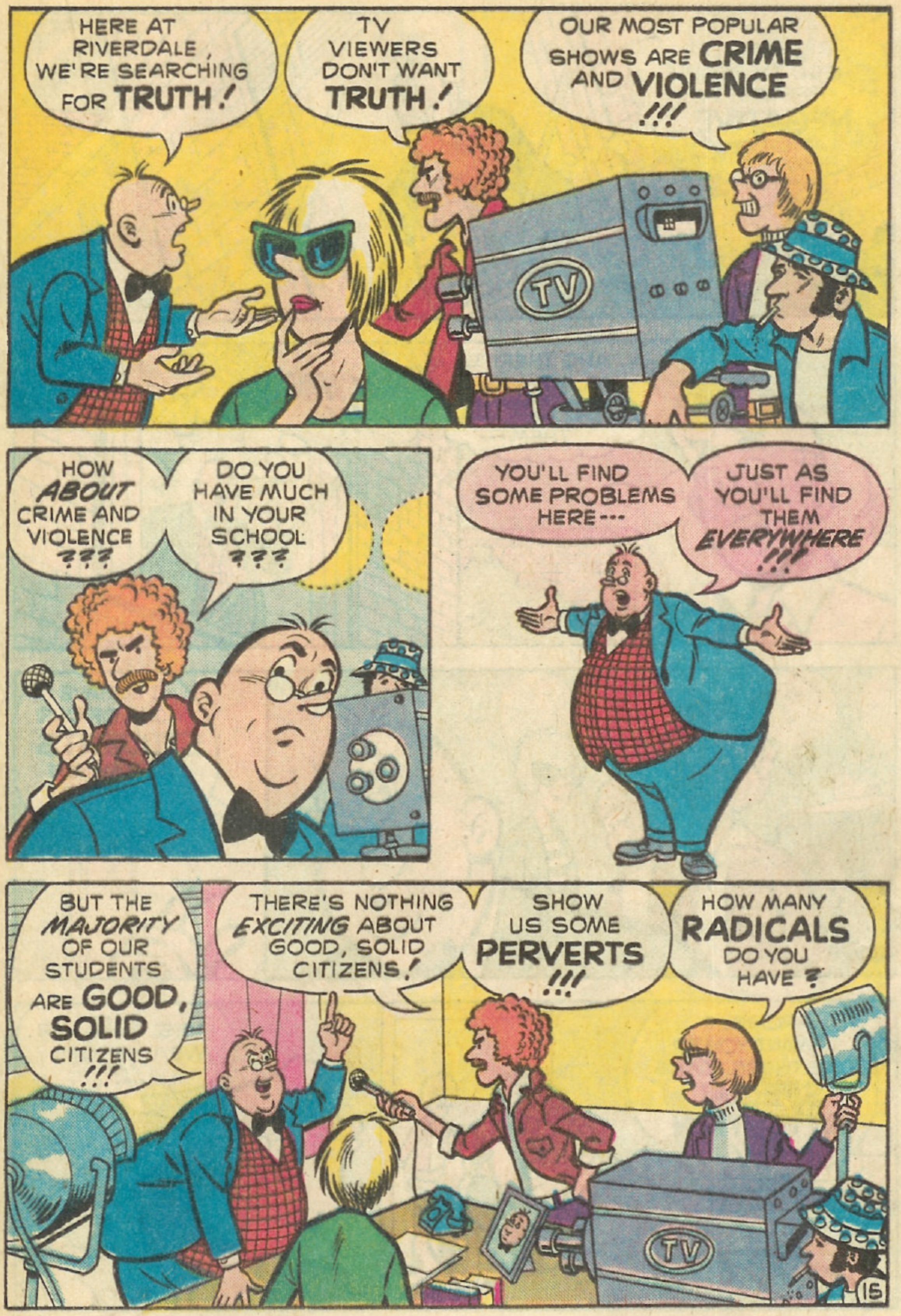

ALL RIGHT---
BUT HURRY, ARCHIE---
THE TV PEOPLE WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!
AND DON'T BREATHE A WORD OF THIS---
--- MY IMAGE WOULD BE RUINED IF FOLKS LEARN OF MY GOUT!!!
HOW'S THAT, MR. WEATHERBEE???
IT FEELS BETTER, MY BOY---
THANK YOU!
ARCHIE, I'M SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER---
---YOU'VE REALLY GOT A HEART OF GOLD!
PAT PAT
THE TV PEOPLE ARE HERE, SIR!!!
QUICK ARCHIE!
OUT THE SIDE DOOR!!!
11


WELCOME, GENTLEMEN !!!
PLEASE COME IN!
TV


MOTHER
ARCHIE !!!
YOU FORGOT TO CUT THE BANDAGE !!!
ZIP!
TV


CRASH!
AHEM!
I'M TRYING TO HELP A STUDENT PASS OUR FIRST-AID COURSE!!!
HE'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE COURSE!!!
TOMORROW I'LL SHOW HIM HOW TO USE SPLINTS!!!
---ON HIS BRAIN!!!
MR. WEATHERBEE---
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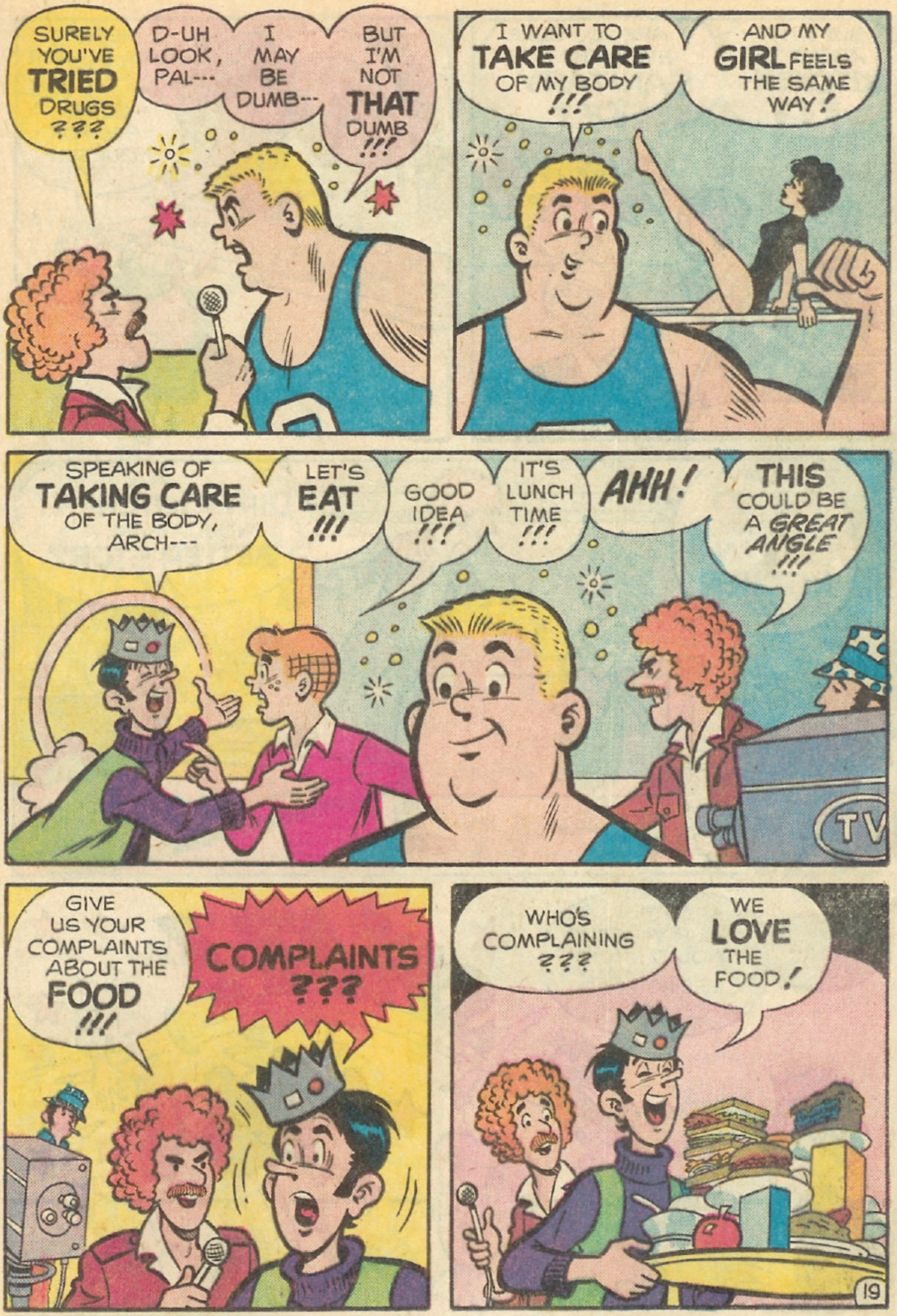

WE'D LIKE TO DO A SPECIAL SHOW ON RIVERDALE HIGH---
---TELL US ABOUT THE DRUG PROBLEM HERE!
DO YOU HAVE MUCH OCCULT ACTIVITY ???
ARE YOUR STUDENTS INTO WITCHCRAFT ???
AND SEX EDUCATION---
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THAT ?
GENTLEMEN, THE THINGS YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT---
---WON'T TELL THE REAL STORY ABOUT RIVERDALE HIGH !!!
BUT IT'LL MAKE A SENSATIONAL STORY!
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HERE AT RIVERDALE, WE'RE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH!
TV VIEWERS DON'T WANT TRUTH!
OUR MOST POPULAR SHOWS ARE CRIME AND VIOLENCE !!!
HOW ABOUT CRIME AND VIOLENCE ???
DO YOU HAVE MUCH IN YOUR SCHOOL ???
YOU'LL FIND SOME PROBLEMS HERE---
JUST AS YOU'LL FIND THEM EVERYWHERE !!!
BUT THE MAJORITY OF OUR STUDENTS ARE GOOD, SOLID CITIZENS !!!
THERE'S NOTHING EXCITING ABOUT GOOD, SOLID CITIZENS!
SHOW US SOME PERVERTS !!!
HOW MANY RADICALS DO YOU HAVE ?
TV
TV
15


IT ISN'T RIGHT TO LET THESE TV PEOPLE PRESENT A NEGATIVE PICTURE!
AND THERE'S A WAY TO SIDETRACK THEM---
ARCHIE !!!
I'LL HAVE ONE OF OUR STUDENTS SHOW YOU AROUND !!!
ARCHIE, I WANT YOU TO GIVE THESE FOLKS SPECIAL ATTENTION !!!
YES, SIR, MR. WEATHERBEE !!!
16


JUST FOLLOW ARCHIE GENTLEMEN !!!
AND YOU'LL END UP IN A BLIND ALLEY !!!
I'LL TAKE THOSE LIGHTS !!!
AND LET ME HELP YOU WITH THE CAMERAS !!!
WAIT !!!
WE'RE ALL TANGLED UP!
WELL, ARCHIE'S OFF TO A GOOD START !!!
TV
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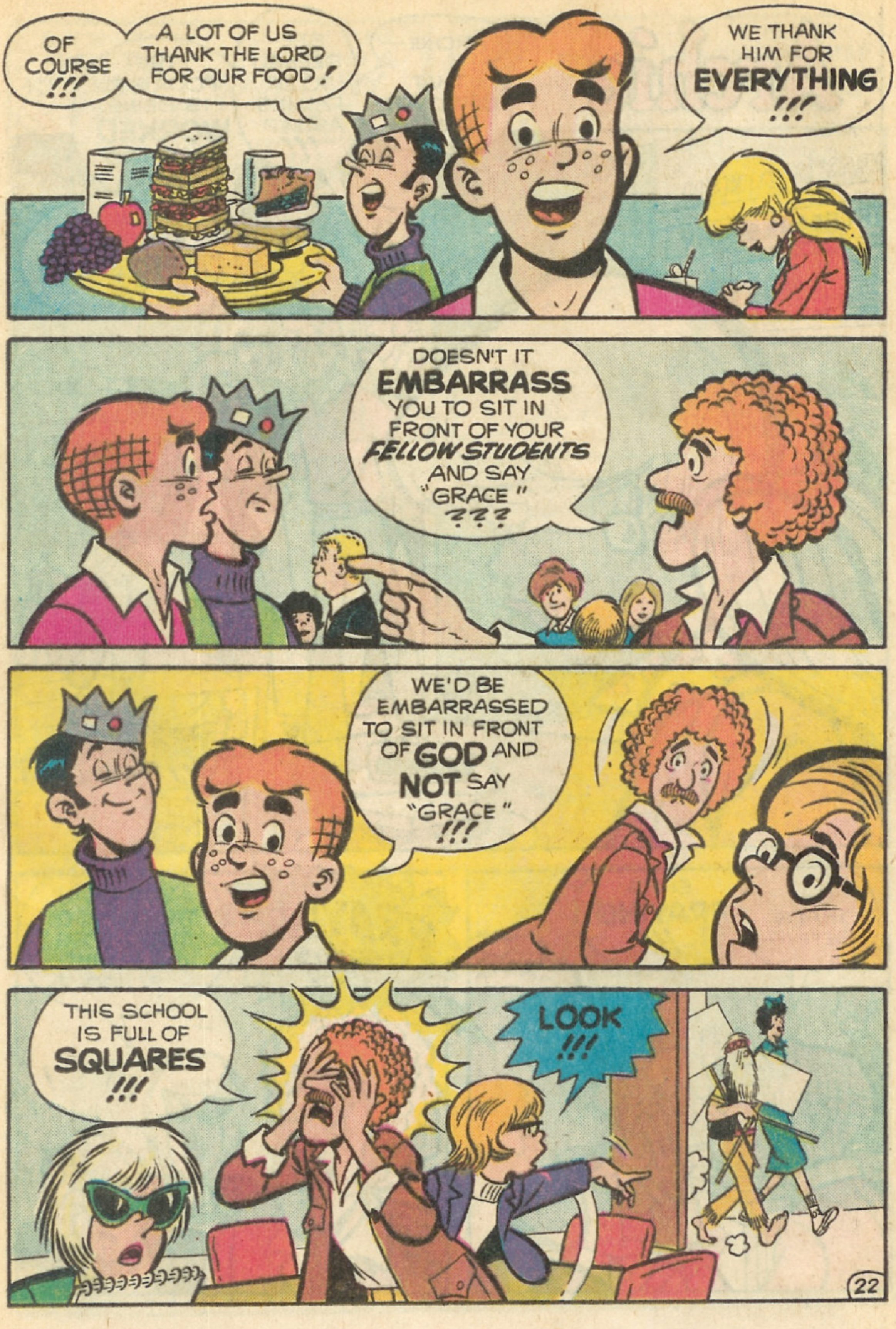

Archie
THAT STUDENT LOOKS SPACED-OUT !!!
WE'LL INTERVIEW HIM, ARCHIE---
WHAT'S HIS NAME ???
THAT'S BIG MOOSE !!!
GIVE US YOUR GRIPES ABOUT THIS SCHOOL !!!
D-UH --- I DON'T HAVE ANY !!!
D-UH--- I LIKE IT HERE !!!
HE'S OBVIOUSLY HIGH ON DOPE!
NO! HE WOULDN'T TOUCH THE STUFF !!!
18


SURELY YOU'VE TRIED DRUGS ???
D-UH LOOK, PAL---
I MAY BE DUMB---
BUT I'M NOT THAT DUMB !!!
I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF MY BODY !!!
AND MY GIRL FEELS THE SAME WAY!
SPEAKING OF TAKING CARE OF THE BODY, ARCH---
LET'S EAT !!!
GOOD IDEA !!!
IT'S LUNCH TIME !!!
AHH!
THIS COULD BE A GREAT ANGLE !!!
TV
GIVE US YOUR COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FOOD !!!
COMPLAINTS ???
WHO'S COMPLAINING ???
WE LOVE THE FOOD!
19



BUT WHAT ABOUT THE KITCHEN ???
ARE YOU SURE EVERYTHING IS SANITARY ???
WHAT ???
SWISH
I HEARD THAT, BUSTER !!!
COME SEE FOR YOURSELF !!!
I'M PROUD OF MY CLEAN KITCHEN !!!
A DIRTY KITCHEN WOULD MAKE A BETTER STORY !!!
WELL---
MAYBE YOUR VIEWERS WOULD ENJOY SEEING THIS !!!
SPLAT!
20


Archie
ARCHIE--- THAT GIRL OVER THERE---
SHE SEEMS TO BE FALLING ASLEEP !!!
THE POOR GIRL IS BEING WORKED TOO HARD !!!
THE SYSTEM IS OPPRESSIVE !!!
DAY'S MENU
TRY BEANS BEAZLY
OH, THAT'S BETTY---
SHE'S PRAYING !!!
PRAYING ???
YOU MEAN THAT SORT OF THING GOES ON IN THIS SCHOOL?
21


OF COURSE !!!
A LOT OF US THANK THE LORD FOR OUR FOOD!
WE THANK HIM FOR EVERYTHING !!!
DOESN'T IT EMBARRASS YOU TO SIT IN FRONT OF YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS AND SAY "GRACE" ???
WE'D BE EMBARRASSED TO SIT IN FRONT OF GOD AND NOT SAY "GRACE" !!!
THIS SCHOOL IS FULL OF SQUARES !!!
LOOK !!!


THERE'S AN INTERESTING STUDENT!
HE'S GOT CHARACTER!!!
TREMENDOUS COLOR!
ZOOM IN ON HIM!
HE'LL MAKE A SENSATIONAL STORY!!!
LEAVE LEMONS ALONE
BOYCOTT TURNIPS
DON'T EAT KNOCKWURST
WHAT ARE THESE TV PEOPLE TRYING TO DO?
IT'S TIME THEY SHOWED THE RIGHT PICTURE ON THE TUBE!
GENTLEMEN--- MAYBE YOU COULD INTERVIEW LEGION LATER---
IT'S TIME FOR OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES!
CLUB ACTIVITIES???
AH HAH!!!
FRATERNITIES---
SORORITIES---
WE'LL GET INTO THE DISCRIMINATION THING NOW!!!

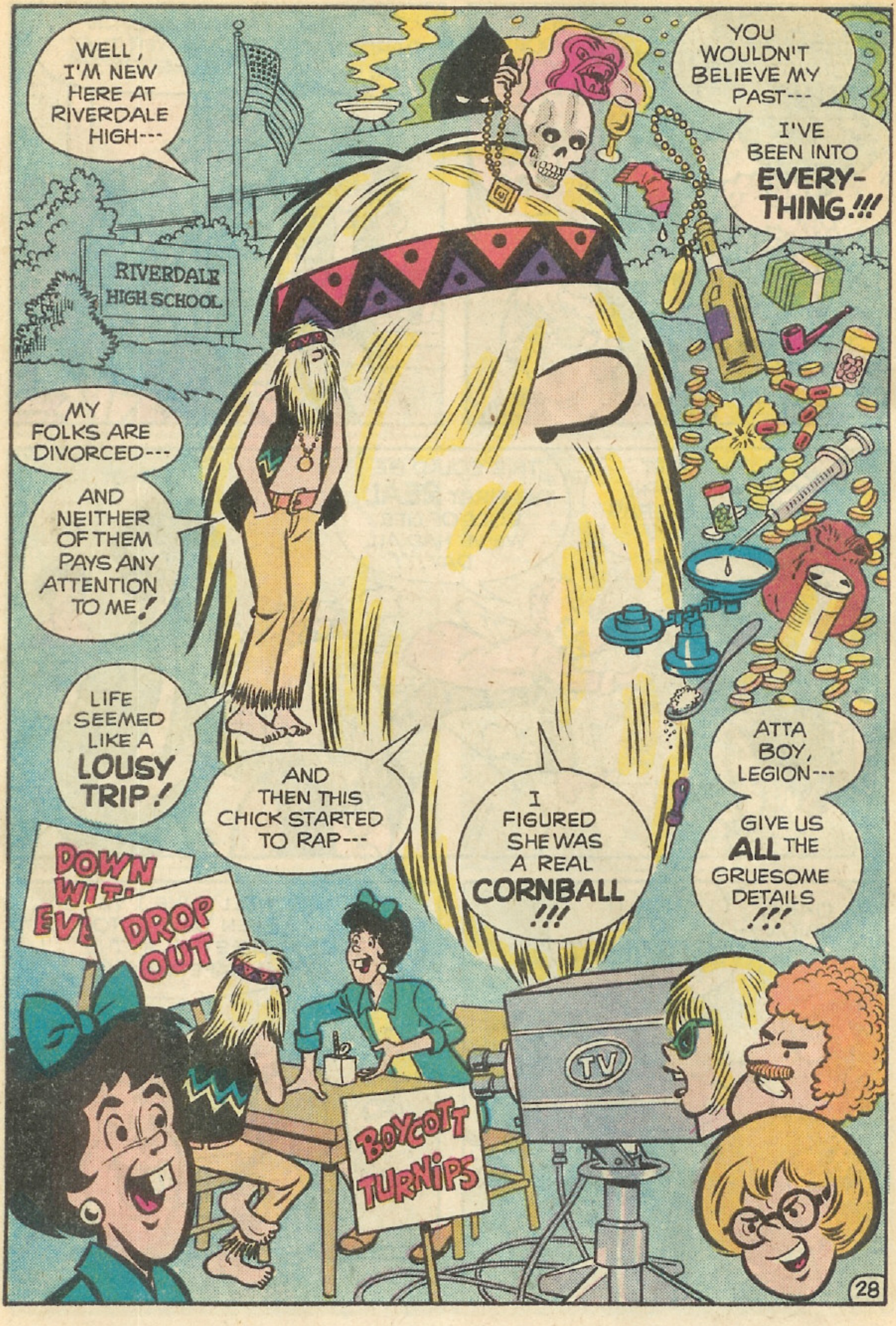


HOW BAD IS THE **RACIAL** PROBLEM HERE ?
WE DON'T HAVE ONE !
CLUB
COME ON IN, PAL !!!
OH, I SEE---
YOU BLACKS AND WHITES GET TOGETHER EVERY WEEK---
TO TRY AND SETTLE YOUR DIFFERENCES !!!
NO---
WE DON'T **HAVE** ANY DIFFERENCES !!!
THAT WAS ALL SETTLED 2,000 YEARS AGO !!!


WELCOME TO OUR BIBLE CLUB !!!
RIVERDALE BIBLE CLUB
BIBLE CLUB ???
DOES MR. WEATHERBEE KNOW THIS IS GOING ON ???
YES, HE DOES !!!
AND IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS BIBLE CLUB---
I'D HAVE RETIRED A LONG TIME AGO !!!
HMM--- WELL, I SUPPOSE THE BIBLE AFFORDS AN INTERESTING STUDY---
IN LITERATURE---
AND ANCIENT HISTORY !!!
25


OH, THE BIBLE MEANS MUCH MORE THAN THAT TO US !!!
IT'S GOD'S WORD !!!
IT TELLS US HOW MUCH HE LOVES US !!!
IT TEACHES US HIS PROMISES !!!
THE MORE WE GET INTO THE BIBLE---
THE MORE GOD GETS INTO US !!!
OH, COME OFF IT !!!
THE BIBLE'S A FAIRY TALE !!!
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH LIFE !!!
GOD LOVES YOU!
26


THIS MORNING YOU HAD A BOMB SCARE !!!
THAT'S LIFE !!!
WHAT DOES YOUR BIBLE SAY ABOUT THAT ???
PARDON ME ---
--- MAYBE LEGION CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION !!!
HOLD IT !
SET UP THE CAMERAS !!!
THIS COULD BE THE FIRST REAL SLICE OF LIFE WE'VE HAD ALL DAY !!!
TV
OKAY, LEGION ---
GIVE IT TO US STRAIGHT !!!
TV
YEAH, MAN ---
WELL, LIKE I'VE BEEN TALKING TO BIG ETHEL IN THE CAFETERIA !!!


WELL, I'M NEW HERE AT RIVERDALE HIGH---
RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE MY PAST---
I'VE BEEN INTO EVERY-THING!!!
MY FOLKS ARE DIVORCED---
AND NEITHER OF THEM PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO ME!
LIFE SEEMED LIKE A LOUSY TRIP!
AND THEN THIS CHICK STARTED TO RAP---
I FIGURED SHE WAS A REAL CORNBALL!!!
ATTA BOY, LEGION---
GIVE US ALL THE GRUESOME DETAILS!!!
DROP OUT
BOYCOTT TURNIPS
TV


BUT AS BIG ETHEL TALKED---
I REALIZED SHE WAS ON THE LEVEL!
SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ME !!!
AND WHEN SHE BEGAN TO SHARE LOVE---
AND JESUS---
IT WAS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE!
AND Y'KNOW---
IT WASN'T JUST HER TALKING TO ME---
I FELT GOD TALKING TO ME TOO!
SUDDENLY I HAD THIS FEELING THAT I'M WORTH SOMETHING!
THAT I'M NOT JUST AN ANIMAL CRAWLING THROUGH LIFE!
29


I DON'T THINK I EVER SAID **THANK YOU** TO ANYBODY BEFORE---
BUT ETHEL TOLD ME THAT A LOT OF YOU HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR ME---
AND I WANT TO SAY **THANKS** !!!
AND ONE OTHER THING---
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT **BOMB SCARE**---
IT WAS A ROTTEN THING TO DO!
LEGION--- WHAT ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL CONCERN ?
YOU MADE SOME VERY VITAL POSTERS IN ART CLASS !!!
I JUST MADE A **NEW** ONE---
THIS SAYS IT ALL!
JESUS
30


I REALIZE NOW THAT WE CAN'T CHANGE THE THINGS AROUND US---
UNTIL WE CHANGE THE THINGS WITHIN US!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM?
YEAH !!!
BUT---
MORE THAN THAT---
I'M GOING TO LET GOD WORK WITHIN ME!
THAT'S WHAT JESUS IS ALL ABOUT---
HE CAME TO FORGIVE US FOR ALL THE WAYS WE MESS UP !!!
HE GIVES US A BRAND-NEW PAIR OF EYES---
A BRAND-NEW HEART---
AND A WHOLE NEW LIFE!
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I DON'T HATE LIFE ANYMORE---
I LOVE IT!
WE'VE GOT LOTS OF PEOPLE TELLING US WHAT'S WRONG!!!
TV
WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT!!!
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A BIBLE CLASS!!!
WE'RE NOT JUST LEARNING ABOUT RELIGION---
WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT LIFE!
Y'KNOW, WALTER---
I THOUGHT A MAJOR NETWORK WAS A BIG DEAL---
BUT THOSE KIDS HAVE A REAL HOOKUP!!!

THE BEST FOR YOU!

YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SPIRE COMICS! WE ENJOY ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE COMICS EXCITING --- PLUS THE EXTRAS THAT FILL THE SPIRE SERIES -- PRAYER, FAITH AND A REAL DESIRE TO SEEK GOD'S BEST FOR OUR LIVES!

WE TAKE A SLICE OF LIFE IN EACH ISSUE AND PUT IT ALONGSIDE GOD'S WORD, AND WE SEE HOW PERFECTLY THE BIBLE FITS OUR LIVES!



GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU!

- GOD CREATED YOU AND GAVE YOU ***FREEDOM OF CHOICE!***
- YOU'RE FREE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE, OR ***REJECT IT!***
- ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS JOY, PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE!
- REJECTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS TROUBLE AND CONFLICT!
- GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE STYLE AND YOUR MISTAKES!
- GOD SENT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT!
- JESUS MAKES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON GOD KNOWS YOU CAN BE!

GOD'S PROMISE:

"WHEN JESUS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON! EVERYTHING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER! A NEW LIFE BEGINS!"

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER RIGHT NOW--- AND KNOW HOW MUCH GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU!

GOD, I WANT YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS! (CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD) PLEASE HELP ME TO LET JESUS BECOME MY LORD AND SAVIOUR! I WANT YOUR BEST FOR MY LIFE. AMEN

YOU'LL FIND IT HELPFUL TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!* WHEN YOU PRAY, GIVE GOD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU! ATTEND CHURCH AND JOIN A BIBLE-STUDY GROUP. THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES, THE MORE YOU'LL KNOW HIS BEST FOR YOUR LIFE!

* START BY READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Trust God and He will bless you!

Al Hartley



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